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**In the Claims:**

Claims 15, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 32, 39, and 46 have been amended as follows.

15. A method of modulating cellular uptake and distribution of a peptide nucleic acid comprising the steps of:

(a) derivatizing a backbone position of said peptide nucleic acid; and

(b) conjugating the derivatized peptide nucleic acid of step (a) with a group selected from adamantyl, alkyl, lipid, steroid or an amino acid labeled with a fluorescent group.

19. The method of claim 15 wherein said group is an adamantyl group.

21. A method of modulating cellular uptake and distribution of a peptide nucleic acid comprising the steps of:

(a) conjugating said peptide nucleic acid with a group selected from adamantyl, alkyl, lipid, steroid or an amino acid labeled with a fluorescent group; and

(b) introducing the conjugated peptide nucleic acid of step (a) into liposomes.